



Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our A-Level Biology and Psychology courses, we are delighted to be organising a "Brain Day" on **Thursday 16th March 2023**, held at the school.

The "Brain Day" is provided by Dr Guy Sutton, Director, Medical Biology Interactive & Honorary Lecturer at the University of Nottingham Medical School. The event will focus on the anatomy of the Brain and how brain anatomy and processes link to behaviour.

We hold this event every two years and the feedback from students has always been extremely positive. It is directly linked with the Psychology and Biology A-Level specifications and the students also have found it extremely interesting, prompting some to consider studying neuroscience after Sixth Form.

The "Brain Day" will be held in school in two sessions. The morning session (8.45– 12.00) will involve students from Year 12B Psychology and Biology classes and 13D Psychology and Biology classes. The afternoon session (12.40 – 15.55) will involve students from Year 13A and 12C Psychology classes. Both will feature a session on "The Dissected Brain" and will involve a demonstration of a sheep's brain dissection.

We believe that this is an incredible enrichment opportunity for students to extend their knowledge of the brain, whilst experiencing a university-style learning lecture and demonstration. For those planning a medical/biology/psychology-related career or university course, it will also provide evidence of extended study to include on their personal statements and/or to talk about at interviews.

The cost of this event will be £13.50. Payment of this amount is voluntary, but the reality is that unless sufficient voluntary contributions are made to cover costs we will be forced to cancel the event for all students. Please make payment, via WisePay, by **Friday 3rd February 2023**. Students in receipt of the Sixth Form Bursary will automatically qualify for 50% reduction in the cost of this event. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact Mrs Jackson at mjackson@bishophatfield.herts.sch.uk as assistance may be given on a case by case basis.

If you are able and would like to, there is also the option to purchase an additional space for a disadvantaged pupil.

Guest students can pay by cheque payable to Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School or present cash in person and ask for a receipt. We cannot be held responsible for loss of cash for which no receipt has been issued.

There are a maximum of 70 spaces for this event. Only those students for whom we have received payment by the deadline of Friday 3rd February will be considered for a place. If student numbers exceed the number of places available then a ballot will be held. Those unsuccessful in the ballot will receive a full refund and be given priority in the next school event or trip available to them.

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If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Miss C McLeman
Psychology Teachers

& Miss G Wighton

Dr A Bune
Biology Teacher